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*An Act of Parliament empowering Q. Mary to make  
Statutes for Cathedral and Collegiate Churches.*

2 d. April 1554

**I**N Parlamento inchoato et tento apud Westmonasterium secundo die Aprilis anno regni serenissimae et excellentissimae Domine nostre Mariae Dei gratia, Angliae Franciae et Hiberniae Reginæ, Fidei Defensoris primo, et ibidem continuato, usque in quintum diem Maii dicto anno, quo die dissolut. erat communis omnium Procerum et Populi consensu, ac Regiae Majestatis tunc presenti assensu, sancit. edit. et ordinati. fuerit hæc subse-quent. **Statuta.**

**Exhibita est Regiae Majestati in Parlamento praedicto, Billa quædam**

**Normam Actus in se continens:**

**WHEREAS** the late noble Prince of famous memory, King **Henry the Eighth**, Father to our most gratiouse Soveraigne Lady the Queene, amongst other his godly Acts and Doings, did erect, make, and establish, divers and sundry Churches, as well Cathedrall as Collegiate, and endow-  
ed every of the same with divers Manors, Lands, Tenements and Possessi-  
ons for the Maintenance of the Deanes, Prebendaries, and Ministers within  
the same, and for other Charitable Acts to be done and executed by the  
same Deanes, Prebendaries, and Ministers: And also did Incorporate the  
same Deanes, Prebendaries, and Ministers, and made them *Bodyes Politique*  
*in perpetual Succession*, according to the Lawes of the Realme of England.

AND



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AND WHERE also, as the late Kinge, for the better Maintenance and Preservation of the said Churches, in a Godly Unity and good Order and Governance, graunted unto the several Corporations and Bodyes Corporate of every of the said Churches, that they should be ruled and governed for ever, according unto certaine Ordinances, Rules, and Statutes, to be specified in certaine Indentures then after to be made by his Highnes, and to be delivered and declared to every of the Bodyes Corporate of the said several Churches, as by the several Erections and Foundations of the said Churches, more plainly it doth and may appeare; Since which said Erections and Foundations, the said late Kinge did cause to be delivered to evry of the said Churches, so as is aforesaid erected and incorporated by certaine Commissioners by his Highnes appointed, diverse and sundrye Statutes and Ordinances, made and declared by the same Commissioners, for the Order, Rule and Governance of the said several Churches, and of the Deanes, Prebendaries, and Ministers of the same; which said Statutes and Ordinances were made by the said Commissioners, and delivered unto every of the Corporations of the said several Churches in Writinge, but not indented, according to the forme of the said Foundations and Erections, by reason whereof, the said Churches and the several Deanes, Prebendaries, and Ministers of the same, have no Statutes or Ordinances of any force or authority, whereby they should be ruled and governed, and therefore remain as yet not fully established, in such sort, as the godly intent of the said late King *Henry the eighth* was, to the greate imperfection of the same Churches, and the hinderance of

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of Gods service, and good Order and Regiment to be had and continued amongst the Ministers of the same.

AND forasmuch as the authority of the makinge of the said Statutes, Ordinances, and Orders, was reserved only unto the said late Kinge, and no mention made of any like authority to be reserved unto his Heyres and Successors, the same Orders and Statutes cannot now be made and provided, without authority of Parliament.

MAY it therefore please the Queenes Highnes, that it may be established and enacted by her Highnes, by the assent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons of this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that our said Soveraigne Lady the Queen from thenceforthe duringe her natural Life ( which our Lord longe preserve ) shall have by vertue of this Act, full power and authority to make and prescribe unto every of the said Churches, and the Deanes, and Prebendaryes and Ministers of the same; and to their Successors, such Statutes Ordinaunces and Orders, for the good Governance, Rule, and Order, of every of the same Churches, Deanes, and Prebendaryes, and Ministers of the same, and of the Lands, Manors, Tenements and Possessions of every of the same Churches, as shall seeme good to her Highnes; the same Statutes and Ordinances to be made by her Highnes by Writinge sealed with the Great Seale of England, and to be delivered to the Deanes, Prebendaryes, and Ministers of every of the sayd Churches for the tyme beinge.

AND

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AND that it may be further enacted by the authoritiy aforesaide, that our said Soveraigne Lady the Queene, during the tyme aforesaide, by Writinge sealed with the Greate Seale of Englande, shall and may alter, transpose, and change, augment, or diminish the said Orders, Statutes, and Ordinances, of every of the said Churches, from tyme to tyme as occasion shall serve, and as it shall seeme good to her Highnes; and that all and every of the said Statutes and Ordinances, and Orders to be made, altered, transposed, chaunged, augmented, or diminished, as is aforesaid, shall be and remaine good and effectual, according to the makinge, alteration, transposinge, chaunginge, augmentinge, or diminishinge of the same.

BE it also further enacted by the authoritiy aforesaide, that the Queens Highnes may have like Power and Authority to make, ordeine, and establish, Statutes, Ordinances, and Foundations, for the good Order and Government of such Grammar Schooles, as have bene erected, founded, or established in any part of this Realme, by the most noble Princes King *Henry* the eight or King *Edward* the fixt, and of the Ministers and Scho-  
lars of the same Schooles, and to alter and transpose, such other Statutes and Ordinances, there made heretofore, from tyme to tyme, as to her Highnes shall seeme most convenient.

*Cui quidem Billæ perlecle, et ad plenum intellecte per dictam Dominam Reginam ex autoritate Parliamenti prædicti, sic responsum est.*

La Reigne le veult.